provision of national-level sports facilities in States so long as the present decision remains in force.

Review of preparations for Commonwealth Games

398. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the on-going preparations for hosting the prestigious Commonwealth Games, 2010 in Delhi;

(b) if so, the comprehensive details of each of the various projects taken up for execution, time-frame fixed therefor and their present status; and

(c) the details of the monitoring mechanism established to over-see the state of preparedness on the various projects and events?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Decisions regarding the venues for the 15 disciplines for the Commonwealth Games (already approved), and 3 disciplines proposed/ likely to be included, and for the Games Village, which is to be developed by the DDA, have already been taken. Further action by all the concerned agencies is being closely monitored to ensure that all the required facilities are established well in advance before the Games.

The Government of NCT of Delhi has submitted a proposal for an amount of Rs. 770 crores for upgradation/development of the required city level infrastructure including roads, transport, power, water-supply / sewerage, health facilities, traffic and security etc. to the Planning Commission, which is under active consideration. The State Government of Maharashtra has also submitted a proposal to the Planning Commission for the creation/upgradation of civic infrastructure with reference to the Commonwealth Youth Games-2008 at Pune.

(c) Various institutional arrangements have been made at the level of the Government of India and the Government of Delhi to ensure the proper planning and preparations for organisation of the Commonwealth Games-2010 and their smooth conduct. These include a Core Group of

Ministers chaired by the Minister for Human Resource Development to take decisions regarding various aspects related to the organisation of the Games, an Apex Committee in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports chaired by the Minister (Yourh Affairs and Sports), a Committee of Secretaries headed by the Cabinet Secretary to monitor the implementation of the decisions of the Group of Ministers and other related matters, and an Organising Committee for the conduct of the Games headed by the President, Indian Olympic Association. At the level of the Government of Delhi, the Lt. Governor have overall responsibility regarding security, law and order and matters pertaining to DDA, and there is a Sub-Committee headed by the Chief Minister of Delhi for other matters falling within the jurisdiction of the State Government in terms of the planning and requirements of upgradation of civic infrastructure, etc.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (2004-05) of the Indian Institute of Maritime Studies (IIMS), Mumbai and related papers

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Third Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Maritime Studies (IIMS), Mumbai for the year 2004-05, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

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